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CHAPTER 586

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Harboring a Fugitive**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the definition of "fugitive" for the purpose of making
4 the term, as it pertains to a certain crime relating to harboring a fugitive, apply
5 to individuals for whose arrest a ~~valid~~ felony warrant has been issued, whether
6 or not the warrant is issued under State law.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
9 Section 268E(d) ~~and 268F~~
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

2 268E.

3 (d) "Fugitive" means any individual for whose arrest a ~~VALID~~ felony warrant
4 has been issued [under Maryland law].

5 268F.

6 (a) Whoever harbors any fugitive, so as to prevent his discovery and arrest,
7 after notice or knowledge of the fact that a ~~VALID~~ felony warrant has been issued for
8 the apprehension of that fugitive, and after notice that harboring that fugitive is a
9 punishable offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than
10 \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

11 (b) Whoever knowingly harbors a fugitive who is avoiding prosecution,
12 custody, or confinement after conviction of a felony is guilty of a misdemeanor and
13 shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

14 (c) This section does not apply when the warrant is for a traffic offense.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2000.